National Academy of Medicine Network Organization Statement

University of California Health (UCH) is proud to be a Network Organization within the National Academy of Medicine's Climate Collaborative. UCH is comprised of six academic health centers at UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Riverside, UC San Diego and UCSF, 20 health professional schools, and the Global Health Institute. UCH enrolls 15,000 students and trainees in dentistry, medicine, nursing, optometry, pharmacy, public health, and veterinary medicine.

UCH has been named a 2021 Climate Champion as part of Health Care Without Harm's Health Care Climate Challenge. Five health systems received sustainability awards from Practice Greenhealth, and all have committed to the United Nation's Race to Zero campaign. These commitments are based on the combined accomplishments of the ten UC campuses, and the collaboration among groups such as the UC Center for Climate, Health and Equity, Offices of Sustainability, Global Health Institute, Global Climate Leadership Council, Carbon Neutrality Initiative, and Center for Climate Justice.

As part of the University's Sustainable Practices Policy commitment, UCH is working to:
- Achieve climate neutrality from scope 1 and 2 sources by 2025.
- Achieve climate neutrality from specific scope 3 sources by 2050 or sooner.
- Obtain 100% clean electricity by 2025.
- Design and construct all new buildings and major renovations to a minimum LEED BD+C Silver rating and meet the prerequisites of the Laboratories for the 21st Century Environmental Performance Criteria.
- Adopt energy performance targets for acute care centers and medical office buildings.
- Achieve a target of 25 pounds of total waste as defined by Practice Greenhealth per adjusted patient day by 2025 and strive for 20 pounds of total waste per adjusted patient day by 2030.
- Reduce growth-adjusted potable water consumption 20% by 2020 and 36% by 2025, when compared to a three-year average baseline of fiscal year 2005–06, fiscal year 2006–07 and fiscal year 2007–08.
- Procure 30% sustainable food as defined by Practice Greenhealth.

The UC Center for Climate, Health and Equity harnesses the health sector's leadership and expertise bringing faculty, staff, and students from all UC campuses to advance equitable and just climate solutions that promote human health and a healthy planet. The Center works in collaboration with civil society and government partners in California and worldwide to advance climate and health action. The Center is built on four pillars with equity and justice intersecting each:
- Research: Catalyze transdisciplinary, community-engaged research to close critical knowledge gaps and inform evidence-based climate-health policies and programs.
- Education: Serve as a world-class education hub, building a 21st century health workforce prepared to work at the climate-health interface. Provide patients, schools, and the public with information on climate change and health.
- Health Systems: Accelerate UC's path towards carbon-neutral and climate resilient health systems. Partner with communities, clinics, and public health departments to prepare for and respond to the health impacts of climate change.
- Policy: Translate evidence to maximize health and equity in climate policy. Ensure policymakers have up-to-date data on health impacts of climate change and best practice solutions.

UC Office of the President Sustainability: https://ucop.edu/sustainability/
UC Sustainability Report: https://sustainabilityreport.ucop.edu/2021/overview/
Global Health Institute: https://ucghi.universityofcalifornia.edu/
UC Center for Climate Health and Equity: www.climatehealth.ucsf.edu